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Commissioner Rachelle B. Chong  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M. Street NW  
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RE: Ex Parte Communication in CC Docket No. 96-262

Dear Commissioner Chong,

Recently Concordia University became aware of a proposal that would significantly increase Subscriber Line Charges (SLC) for multi-line customers. As an administrator of a private, Liberal Arts university, I must inform you that our administration is very much opposed to the proposed increases. During an era in which colleges and universities are being challenged to stop increasing tuition, the proposed SLC increase would significantly impact an already tight budget.

Although Concordia University is certainly empathic to the need to provide telecommunications for public K-12 schools, we request that the revenue for that project be generated in a different venue.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Cordially,



Dr. Mary Holl  
Vice President  
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Office of Secretary

Re: "ExParte Communications in CC Docket No. 96-262"

Dear Chairman Hundt,

I am opposed to the increase in interstate line charges to businesses for the purpose of funding access to the internet for public schools, libraries and rural health care centers.

The United States cannot continue to force business to pay for its social agendas. This plan would have a negative effect on American business. Funding, of this nature, puts an extra burden on American business that foreign business does not have to pay. The \$3.36 billion you are taking away from American business could be used to invest and create jobs for American people. By taking money away from business, business income decreases, which reduces taxes. Jobs are lost which reduces taxes. Overall, this increase in interstate line charges will hurt the United States's business and its people.

Sincerely,

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Reference: "Ex Parte Communication in CC Docket No. 96-262"

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

It has come to our attention that the FCC may approve significant increases in telephone Subscriber Line Charges (SLC) and Pre-Subscriber Line surcharges (PSLC) for multi-line business customers plus levy a "universal service social agenda obligation fee" for Cellular, PCS, and Paging services. Colleges and universities affected by these increases will in effect be major players in underwriting the FCC costs to implement requirements of the 1996 Telecommunications ACT for discounted telecommunications services to K-12 schools, libraries, rural health facilities, and lifeline services.

Universal telecommunications access for every citizen is an important national goal, and a Universal Service Fund may be needed to accomplish this worthy goal. While the end result of these charges has merit, the FCC must consider the impact of these increases on Higher Education Institutions, especially publicly-funded institutions.

We would encourage the Commission to review the impact of the proposed changes and the financial implications for Higher Education Institutions. It should be remembered that increased charges on the general business public eventually find their way back to the consumer and to Higher Education Institutions in the form of higher costs for goods and services.

The impact of the proposed increases at Michigan Tech is estimated to be over \$288,000 annually. We cannot afford to absorb this increase without raising tuition/fees or jeopardizing other programs and services at the University.

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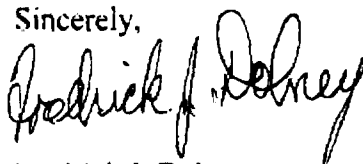
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The affordability of a college education is already a struggle for many. We hope that you will not inadvertently rob higher education or make it inaccessible in order to benefit K-12 schools, libraries, rural health facilities and lifeline services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fredrick J. Dobney". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Fredrick" being more prominent and the last name "Dobney" following in a similar style.

Fredrick J. Dobney

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